



Lamoine Consolidated School

March 30, 2006

NO SCHOOL REMINDER

Friday, March 31 – Union 92 In-Service Day

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten screening for Lamoine School will be held on Thursday, May 4th. Any child 5 years old by Oct. 15th is eligible to register. Please call the school at 667-8578 to register your child.

SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP

There will be a self-defense, awareness and prevention workshop at Lamoine School on Saturday, April 8th. Grades K – 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Grades 5-8 at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Adults (grades 9 and up) 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

The fee is \$3 and all proceeds will be donated to the Lamoine Patrons. This workshop will be conducted by Nathan and Becky Mason of Eastern Maine Karate. For more information please contact them at 667-2219 or 461-7250.

DRESS CODE

Every year about this time, as the weather turns warmer, we start to see student dress that goes beyond the limits of our dress code. One of the provisions of the student dress code says, “that unacceptable attire includes not only clothing that promotes alcohol, tobacco or other drugs but dress that is immodest or revealing that distracts from the educational process.” Parental

awareness of the clothing students are wearing will be helpful. Shorts need to be at fingertip length.

NO belly shirts or short shorts!

SPRING FLING DANCE

DJ Bill Da Butler will be back Friday, March 31st to play your music from 6:30-9:30 at the Spring Fling Dance.

Open to all Union 92 students 5th-8th grade. Admission \$4 and concessions will be on sale. Sponsored by Lamoine PATRONS, volunteers needed!

END OF THIRD QUARTER

The third quarter ranking period ends on Friday, April 7th. Report cards will go home on the 14th.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, April 25th.

“TASTES OF LAMOINE”

COOKBOOKS

The "Tastes of Lamoine" cookbooks are in and they look AWESOME!

Cookbooks are available for purchase in the office at school during the school day. Cost is \$8.00 per book. Purchase extras, these will make great gifts!!

PATRONS NEWS

The Lamoine Patrons are still collecting recycled ink jet cartridges, laser cartridges and used cell phones. Since we have started the program we have made over \$3700.00. Just drop them into the box at the school. This money is going towards a new playground and equipment. We have already bought two new pieces which are in storage just waiting to see where we can put them.

Keep collecting those box tops. You can turn them in anytime. We earn an average of \$800.00 a year.

If you shop on line, please try ordering through Boxtops4education.com or Schoolpop.com.

These sites give a percentage of all purchase back to our school. Just register under Lamoine Consolidated school. You only have to register once then all purchases through the sites gets credit back to us.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Scholastic Book Fair comes to Lamoine School April 10 - 14. If you would like to help with the fair, please contact Robin Veysey in the Library.

FLATTOP 5K

Please come and celebrate the memory of Bill Pinkham by running or walking in the Flattop 5K. The date is Saturday, April 1st – the time is 9:30 for walkers and 10:00 for runners – the place is Lamoine Consolidated School.

Participants will be bussed to the Lamoine State Park for the start of the race. Cost is \$6 registration fee to benefit the Bill Pinkham Scholarship Fund. Please come early to register or 30 minutes before to sign in.

Registration forms are available at the school office or the Town office. For more information contact Robin Emery at 667-9219 or Connie Wallace at 667-3149.

Volunteers are needed to help out with the water stop, both children and adults are welcome to help. Please contact Connie if you are able to volunteer.

PET PHOTO CONTEST

The Christie family has organized “Our Treasured” Friends contest as a fundraiser for Jina’s Gym. Entry forms are attached to the newsletters this week. The cost is \$5 for each photo entered. Photos will be displayed on the bulletin board in the front hallway of the school. The students will chose the winners on May 5th. Prizes will be given to the winners of Best of Show, Best Dog, Best Cat, Silliest, Most Unusual, and Best Animal Buddies. Entry deadline is May 1st. Entries may be dropped of at the school office.

JINA’S GYM BENEFIT DANCE

There will be a Jina’s Gym fundraiser dance held on Saturday, May 20th at the Elks Lodge – Ellsworth from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. The Gary Mitchell Band will be providing the music. We will need the following list of food items donated. Chips, dip, nachos, cheese, carrots, celery, cookies, bars, crackers & cheese, punch items. Please call Linda Eaton at 667-3413 or email her at lkaryl@verizon.net or Enid Neleski at 667-8824 if you can help in any way.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Cyber Sickos

Your children know enough not to give out their phone numbers and addresses to strangers, and they sure wouldn't share family photos with thousands of people they don't know.

Yet every day, kids as young as 13 and 14 are putting profiles of themselves on Web sites such as MySpace.com that give access to all kinds of personal information to millions of visitors to the site.

Most of these visitors aren't online predators, of course. But online stalking of children is increasing, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Va., as evidenced by a 23% jump in the last year in the number of complaints about online sexual predators. It's estimated that 1 in 5 children is sexually solicited online, reports the organization. Concerned parents trying to strike the right balance between keeping their children safe and permitting them to socialize online with friends are in a tough spot.

The best way to protect your children in cyberspace is not (as you may have been tempted) to unplug the mouse and hand them a book. Instead, go online with them, visit their favorite sites, continually review the safety rules and keep close tabs on whom they are communicating with online.

Children spend a lot more time socializing on the computer that they need to. "Nearly half of teens said they prefer to communicate via instant messenger with their friends than face to face," says Vicki Courtney, the author of "Your Boy" and "Teen Virtue" (Broadman and Holman) and the mother of three. "Let's face it, kids today are multitaskers who can listen to their iPod, do their homework, be Googling and be instant-messaging all at the same time.

They want to talk to six people at a time, not one."

Here a few tips to hopefully keep your children safe:

1. Tell your children to never give out personal information like an address, phone number or last name, and never to send a photo of themselves to someone they don't know.
2. Tell them never to open E-mail or visit Web sites sent by people they don't know and trust.
3. Tell them to never give out passwords and never plan to meet online friends (unless they clear it with you).
4. Use the internet with your kids, so you can learn more about it together. Invite them to show you their favorite sites.
5. To report suspected online stalking, call the Hancock County Sheriff's Dept. and the Cyber Tipline of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: (1- 800-843-5678).

Source: New York Daily News-(Cyber Sickos, Predators' Web Expands, Need for Vigilance Rises); Author: Rosemary Black; Edition: Friday, March 24, 2006.